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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE IN BANJUL

1. PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE RECEIVED AN ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED HERO'S WELCOME IN BANJUL JULY 28, AT THE BEGINNING OF A THREE-DAY STATE VISIT TO THE GAMBIA. ARRIVING ONE HOUR BEHIND SCHEDULE JUST AFTER 1700 HOURS, PRESIDENT TOURE'S MOTORCADE TOOK MORE THAN ONE HOUR TO COVER THE 15 MILES FROM YUNDUM AIRPORT TO BANJUL. SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GAMBIANS, LIBERALLY SPRINKLED WITH WHITE-CLAD GUINEAN RESIDENTS OF THE GAMBIA, FORMED CHEERING CROWDS THE LENGTH OF HIS PARADE ROUTE.

2. PRESIDENT JAWARA WARMLY GREETED HIS GUINEAN GUEST, OBSERVING THAT GAMBIANS HAD LONG AWAITED SUCH A VISIT. HE LAUDED GAMBIAN-GUINEAN TIES, AND PRAISED GUINEA'S RECENT RECONCILIATION WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

3. PRESIDENT TOURE GAVE A ROUSING ADDRESS LASTING NEARLY ONE HOUR DURING WELCOMING CEREMONIES IN MACCARTHY SQUARE, BANJUL. HE SPOKE OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE DIGNITY OF THE AFRICAN MAN, AND DISCUSSED GUINEA'S DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST GENERATION IN NATIONALIST ORATORY OF AN EARLIER ERA. HIS CHARISMA NEVER MORE  
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EVIDENT, SEKOU TOURE ELECTRIFIED HIS AUDIENCE DESPITE A LESS THAN PERFECT TRANSLATION OF HIS IMPROMPTU ADDRESS. THE CRUSH TO MEET HIM AT A RECEPTION ON STATE HOUSE GROUNDS FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY IN THE SQUARE WAS OF EPIC PROPORTION.

4. ON JULY 29 PRESIDENT TOURE DRIVES TO BRIKAMA, CAPITAL OF WESTERN DIVISION, AND FORMER PARLIAMENTARY DISTRICT OF PRESIDENT

JAWARA, WHERE HE WILL ATTEND A PPP RALLY. SIMILARLY ON JULY 30  
HE WILL JOURNEY TO PAKALINDING, AT MIDDLE RIVER, WHERE A SECOND  
LARGE PPP RALLY WILL BE HELD TO HONOR THE GUINEAN PRESIDENT.  
FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AND A PRESS  
CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT TOURE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THE GAMBIA AT  
1100 HOURS JULY 31. WYGANT

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